

MAGTF FIRES OPERATIONAL ADVISORY GROUP (OAG) CHARTER

1. **Purpose:** This charter formally establishes the OAG for MAGTF Fires in accordance with the Commandant Policy Memorandum 1-99 and the Command Element (CE) Advocacy Board Charter.
2. **Mission:** The MAGTF Fires OAG is chartered as a forum for vetting issues related to MAGTF Fires, establishing priorities and contributing to a coordinated improvement of MAGTF Fires operations via direct interaction between the operating force, the CE advocate (Deputy Commandant for Combat Development (DC, CD)), HQMC, the supporting establishment and other working level representatives concerned with issues involving MAGTF Fires. Commanding General (CG), III MEF was designated as the lead agent for the establishment and conduct of the OAG for MAGTF Fires.
3. **Intent:** The MAGTF Fires OAG serves as a vehicle for identifying and prioritizing issues that directly impact operational capabilities, standardization, doctrine, training, readiness, structure, manning, and safety. The OAG must focus on the integration of systems and processes to ensure fires initiatives are coordinated and mutually supportive of MEF single battle operations. The MAGTF Fires OAG will allow for the open discussion of issues affecting the community and its ability to provide command, control, communications; personnel and structure; facilities; training; and doctrine throughout the future year defense plan (FYDP). The MAGTF Fires OAG will be the forum for providing a long-term plan (beyond the FYDP) for the community to the CE Advocacy Board, via the Commanding Generals of the Marine Expeditionary Force and/or Commanders Marine Forces.
4. **Organization.** The MAGTF Fires OAG is divided into three separate entities: the Executive Steering Committee (ESC), the Technical Consultation Group (TCG), and Working Groups (WG).
 - a. The Executive Steering Committee. The MARFOR Commanders will sponsor the ESC. The ESC will include the Commanding Generals of the MEFs. This body will oversee the tasking and composition of the WGs and seek input from the TCG as appropriate. This body will review and approve the issues submitted from the WGs. The ESC will involve the TCG as appropriate, in consultations as a part of the review of WG submissions. The ESC will submit priority issues to the Command Element Advocate (DC, CD) via the chain of command for concurrence and action. In addition to the voting members

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(MARFOR and MEF Commanders), other members include DCMC Aviation, DCMC PP&O, Dir., C4, and DC, CD.

b. The Technical Consultation Group. The TCG is comprised of experts in specific fields that affect Command Element issues. Standing members of the TCG include Program Managers, Requirements Officers, and DC, CD (WDID). The Chairman of the TCG will be assigned by the ESC, if needed as a separate group. Additional representation will be based on specific WG requirements. These additional members may consist of, but are not limited to representation from Systems Command, HQMC Intel, and HQMC C4.

c. Working Groups. The WGs are composed of a number of associated military and civilian representatives with a strong background and experience base in MAGTF Fires issues. Chairmanship of the WGs will be assigned by the ESC. WGs will focus on specific issues pertaining to operations and employment, structure, personnel, equipment, facilities, training, safety, readiness, and standardization. WGs work and staff OAG action items and then present them to the ESC with recommended solutions. WGs may also seek advice and input from appropriate members of the TCG. Action items will be presented in a Topic, Discussion, and Recommendation format with a recommended priority for ESC consideration. Ad hoc WGs are established as required. Membership will include, but is not limited to MARFOR and MEF Operations Officers (supported by Fires, air, C4I staffs), and staff representation from CG MCCDC, HQMC Intel, and HQMC C4.

5. Procedures

a. The MAGTF Fires OAG is an Operation Force forum. Each MARFOR, MEF, and the DC CD will have one vote in the WGs. Each MARFOR and MEF will have one vote in the ESC. Differences will be resolved with a simple vote. If no majority is achieved then the issue will be referred to the next highest level for further review. Members of the Supporting Establishment and the TCG who are participating in the WGs are advisors to the WG chairman. The Command Element Advocates Support Group and its subordinate Working Group will assist the OAGs in interacting with HQMC and the supporting establishment.

b. The MAGTF Fires OAG will not duplicate other CE OAGs' efforts; the focus will be on MEF level Fires. Questions the MAGTF Fires OAG must address include:

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- (1) What are current capabilities and issues?
- (2) What is the outlook for the future?
- (3) How can they be addressed/fixed?
- (4) What is the best way to fix them?
- (5) What is the POA&M for each of these fixes?

6. **Issues:** The following issues are offered as baseline concentrations of effort, however the MAGTF Fires OAG is not restricted to only these issues for development:

- a. Munitions (ERGM, SLCMs, Loitering munitions, proper mix)
- b. Lack of Naval counter-fire radar capabilities.
- c. The ACE as MAGTF Fires.
- d. Control of Airspace/Airspace Coordination.
- e. The Targeting Process.
- f. Battle Space COP integration with all warfighting functions.
- g. Space systems use/control/coordination.
- h. Joint/Combined interoperability.

7. **Action.** The MAGTF Fires OAG will meet semi-annually, or as required, to provide timely input for the Command Element Board and for consideration in the program objective memorandum/program review process. The MARFORs and MEFs will take turns hosting these meetings. The host will provide necessary conference logistical and administrative support. The hosting organization will announce OAG meetings via naval message and identify an action officer to coordinate the meeting. This action officer will coordinate all pre-conference and post-conference activities and facilitate the conduct of the conference in session. Electronic copies of all proposed action items and briefs will be forwarded to the MAGTF Fires OAG action officer not later than 15 working days prior to the first day of the meeting for inclusion into the ESC briefing book. Completed actions will be forwarded to the Command Element Secretariat for

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administrative processing and, where required, inclusion to the Command Element Board agenda.

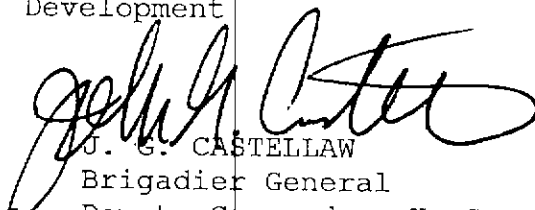
8. Changes to this charter can be proposed by the ESC and are subject to approval by the DC, CD.



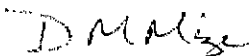
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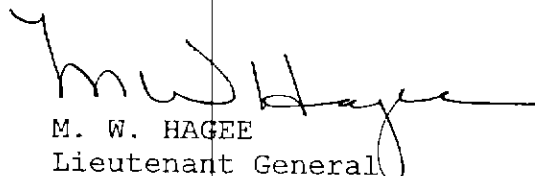
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